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ANOTHER STIMULUS TRANSPORTATION PROJECT COMPLETED IN INLAND EMPIRE

San Bernardino – Caltrans finished a \$2 million project improving drainage along U.S. Highway 95 in rural Riverside County the week before Christmas. The project was financed entirely by President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act).

"My Administration is working hand-in-hand with President Obama's team to ensure stimulus dollars are pumped into California quickly and responsibly to stimulate the economy and in this case – improve infrastructure in the Inland Empire," said Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The 8 mile project, twenty-five miles north of Blythe, CA, in Riverside County, included the modification or replacement of 11 culverts to aid with drainage. Five shoulder slopes, that funnel run-off from the road surface, were paved with concrete and rock along rural U.S. Highway 95

"The Recovery Act is providing vital funding to improve the condition of roads in every region of California. Caltrans is targeting these federal stimulus dollars where they are most effective," said Caltrans Director Randy Iwasaki.

Under Governor Schwarzenegger's leadership, California leads the nation with \$2.29 billion in Recovery Act funding obligated to 803 highway and local street transportation projects statewide. Of these, 428 projects worth \$2.36 billion have been awarded contracts to begin work, with an additional \$311.5 million in Recovery Act funds expected to be awarded to 105 projects by March. For more information on the Recovery Act visit: recovery.ca.gov

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